



Student/Resident Experiences And Rotations in Community Health (SEARCH) Program Summary

SEARCH Program	Idaho Experiences in Community Health: A National Health Service Corps SEARCH Program
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Project Service Focus	Urban/Central City, Rural
Length of Rotation	4 – 6 weeks
Disciplines eligible for rotation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Students (first, third and fourth years) • Family Medicine Residents (allopathic and osteopathic) • Physician Assistant Students • Nurse Practitioner Students • Dental Students and Residents • Dental Hygiene Students • Master of Social Work Students
Project Infrastructure Focus	<p>Because the Idaho SEARCH Program has been administered by the IPCA for over 10 years, program infrastructure is already well-established. Throughout the life of the program, the infrastructure has continually been analyzed and revised accordingly to allow for the greatest efficiency and best potential outcomes. At least 42 potential sites have been identified. All but three of these sites have participated in the SEARCH program in the past and are aware of program requirements, goals and objectives.</p> <p>Student/resident participants will receive clinical training and exposure to underserved populations and communities primarily in rural settings. Each participant will have an assigned mentor who will be responsible for helping the participant to become more familiar with the community and surrounding area. Each participant will also have an assigned preceptor who will receive preceptor training opportunities via the Idaho SEARCH Program. IPCA will continue to seek new, and enhance existing, networking opportunities at every level – state, regional and national.</p>
Stipend/Living Cost	Participants will receive \$500 at beginning of their rotation to help with travel and living expenses, plus \$40/day for each day spent in clinic up to 25 days. IPCA will also reimburse

	up to \$30 for expenses incurred in completion of required community project.
General Description of Your Program	<p>The effects of the current national physician shortage are greatly magnified in Idaho, which continues to rank 49th in the nation in physician to population ratio. In Idaho, 96.7% of the state's area is a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) in Primary Health Care, 93.9% of Idaho has a Dental HPSA, and 100% of the state has a Mental Health HPSA. Over 70% of the state is designated a Medically Underserved Area or Population (MUA/MUP). Idaho has no medical school, but the state purchases 20 seats for Idaho medical students via the University of Washington WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana and Idaho) program and eight seats via the University of Utah's School of Medicine. There are two family medicine residencies in Idaho, which offers 11 seats annually and the Idaho State University Family Medicine Residency, which offers six seats.</p> <p>The Idaho SEARCH Program will provide health professional student and residents with a quality training opportunity in a medically underserved area in Idaho. SEARCH experiences include profession-specific as well as multi-disciplinary clinical activities. Participants are placed in 4-6 week rotations at approved sites and are awarded a travel/living allowance as well as a stipend for days spent in clinic upon completion of their rotation. We have participating sites all over the state. Although there are a few urban sites, most rotations will occur in rural areas of Idaho. Each participant will have an assigned preceptor and community mentor and a community/clinic project ranging in topics and intensities is required.</p> <p>In addition to receiving quality clinical training, SEARCH participants will have an opportunity to experience Idaho's spectacular scenery, amazing outdoor recreation opportunities and diverse cultures. It is our hope that the combination will encourage clinicians to work in Idaho's underserved areas upon completion of their training.</p>
Activities undertaken by Students/Residents in Program	<p>In addition to the clinical training students and residents will receive through participation in the Idaho SEARCH Program, the goals and objectives of this Program will be met through a variety of activities which are listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community assessment – students/residents will meet with their clinical preceptor and community mentor to determine projects and activities that will best benefit the clinic and/or community. 2. Research on a specific community health problem –

	<p>the needs and composition of specific patient population groups will drive research projects. For example, research projects in some Idaho locations might focus on community health problems specific to migrant farmworkers and their families, while projects in other areas might focus on problems specific to a geriatric or Native American patient population.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Health education, promotion and outreach – Participants may also elect to assess the availability of health education in their rotation community and accordingly plan promotion and outreach activities geared toward the specific needs of the community. Examples: community health fairs, dental carries prevention programs, Spanish/English translation of informational materials delivered to patients. 4. Survey of community resources, planning and organization – see number 3. 5. Coordination of public health interventions – see number 3.
List of Sites Students can/will be rotating through	<p>Community Health Center Sites</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adams County Health Center(Medical & Dental) – Council, Idaho 2. Benewah Medical Center (Medical & Dental) – Plummer, Idaho 3. Community Family Clinic (Medical) – Idaho Falls, Roberts & Blackfoot, Idaho 4. Community Health Association of Spokane(Medical & Dental) – Lewiston, Idaho 5. Dirne Community Health Center (Medical & Dental) – Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 6. Family Health Services(Medical & Dental) – Twin Falls, Buhl, Jerome, Rupert, Burley & Fairfield, Idaho 7. Family Medicine Residency of Idaho(Medical) – Boise 8. Glenns Ferry Health Center, Inc.(Medical & Dental) – Glenns Ferry, Mountain Home & Grandview, Idaho 9. Health West, Inc. (Medical) – Pocatello, Aberdeen, American Falls, McCammon, Lava Hot Springs & Downey, Idaho 10. Terry Reilly Health Services (Medical & Dental) – Nampa, Boise, Caldwell, Homedale, Marsing & Melba, Idaho 11. Upper Valley Community Health Services(Medical & Dental) – St. Anthony, Idaho 12. Valley Family Health Care (Medical & Dental) – Payette, New Plymouth & Emmett, Idaho; Ontario, Nyssa & Vale, Oregon <p>Non-Community Health Center Sites</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St. Mary’s Hospital and Clinics (Medical) – Cottonwood,

	<p>Idaho</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Clearwater Valley Hospital and Clinics (Medical) – Orofino, Idaho3. Lost Rivers Medical Center (Medical) – Arco, Idaho4. Driggs Health Clinic (Medical) – Driggs, Idaho5. Pocatello Family Dentistry (Dental) – Pocatello, Idaho
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